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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS EXPERTS MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 2369 (PASEP); B. STATE 90910 (PASEP)
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1. FOR USMISSION NATO: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
WASHINGTON VIEWS AT CLOSE OF PARA 4 REF A, WE BASICALLY
SUPPORT THE MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. WHEN ASYG LABERGE
AND NAPO HAVE DEVELOPED ALTERNATE PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND
ALLIES FEEL THAT A FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING WOULD BE USE-
FUL, THEN THE US SUPPORTS ITS SCHEDULING. AS INDICATED IN
REF B, US/FRG AGREEMENT IS KEY TO ANY REVISION OF PROGRAM
TARGET DATES, AS WELL AS OTHER POSSIBLE PROBLEMS RELATED TO
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A RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM. WE EXPECT THAT THE NEW PROGRAM
PROPOSAL WILL HAVE AN OPTION FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION. IN
ANY CASE WE WILL EVALUATE THE RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM ONCE IT
IS AVAILABLE AND CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A BROAD ALLIANCE
AWACS PROGRAM WITHIN THE QUICKEST FEASIBLE TIME FRAME.

2. FOR BONN AND ROME: IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE

BENEFIT OF A POSITIVE REPORT OF AN EPG MEETING ON NATO AWACS
IF THIS MEETING OCCURS IN TIME. WE WOULD THEREFORE
APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON LEBER'S REQUEST FOR IEPG
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